

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN

HARBOR COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 18, 2000

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Meeting Held in Town Hall

Members Present: Joyce Guide (Chair), Carla Anderson, Rex McKinsey, Sheila LaMontagne, Mel Cote (Alternate),

Members Absent: Al Davis

Others Present: Stephan Nofield (Town Clerk), Rachel Crosby (Recording Secretary),

REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Joyce Guide called the meeting to order @ 7:00 P.M.

APPROVE MINUTES

September 20, 2000 – *Carla Anderson made a motion to approve with corrections, Sheila LaMontagne seconded and it was so voted, 5-0, 1 absent (Al Davis).*

PUBLIC STATEMENTS

David Salvador spoke about cleaning up the Harbor bottom between the tip of MacMillan Pier and the breakwater. Specifically, Mr. Salvador referred to debris he has found. Mr. Salvador said he would be able to photograph the debris. The Committee discussed the possibility of having the Town apply for a grant to clean up the Harbor bottom. Mr. Salvador mentioned that he knew of two Massachusetts towns that had received such grants. Joyce Guide said she would speak to Ms Jarusiewicz, Grant Administrator, about the grant possibilities.

DISCUSSION – HARBOR REGULATIONS (continued)

Joyce Guide distributed copies of a memo from Stephan Nofield, Town Clerk, to the Harbor Committee, dated October 2, 2000, with the subject “Revisions of Proposed Regulation Changes”. The Committee reviewed the various changes for accuracy.

Other changes considered:

Section 3-4-2: concerning no wake areas in the Harbor. Carla Anderson suggested adding wording concerning establishing a no-wake area near Long Point and that large boats should pass east of the #G3 buoy. The waters in that area are owned by Provincetown and under the jurisdiction of the Marine Department. By consensus, the Committee agreed to take the matter under advisement until other concerned parties can be consulted.

Appendix B – Fee Schedule: Joyce Guide referred to Mr. Guertin’s request that commercial fishermen fees not be changed until after the Pier construction was completed. The Committee discussed how the cost of Harbor services and features will increase after the completion of the new pier, thereby justifying an increase in various fees.

- Non-Commercial Moorings (both resident and non-resident) – Harbormaster has recommended doubling these mooring fees. The Committee discussed the possibility of increasing the fees in increments and compared the current and proposed fees with those in other nearby harbors. Also discussed was the best way to present a fee increase to the Board of Selectmen and the voters and whether there was a way to ensure that increased revenues could be dedicated to fund harbor improvements and services.

Carla Anderson moved to include the memo from Stephan Nofield, dated October 2, 2000, in the suggestions to the Board of Selectmen for changes in the Harbor Regulations, Rex McKinsey seconded, and it was so voted, 5-0.

Carla Anderson moved to include the Marine Superintendent’s recommendations for the Harbor Regulations, Appendix B – Fee Schedules, in the suggestions to the Board of Selectmen, specifically:

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| 1. Individual Moorings | Residential | Non-Residential |
| 0 to 16 feet | \$20 | \$40 |
| Greater than 16 feet | \$20 first 16 feet plus
\$4 each additional foot | \$40 first 16 feet plus
\$8 each additional foot |
| 2. Holding Moorings | Residential | Non-Residential |
| | \$100 | \$200 |
- 3. Remove triplines moorings during the period of Pier reconstruction**
Sheila LaMontagne seconded, and it was so voted, 5-0.

Stephan Nofield spoke about the procedures and timetable for submitting the recommended changes to the Board of Selectmen and for scheduling public hearing(s).
 The Committee discussed various other changes to the Regulations that have been or could be considered, including several that are waiting on action and/or information from the Harbormaster's Office.

Carla Anderson moved to change Harbor Regulation section 3-2-1 so that the final sentence will read "This article does not pertain to dinghy storage areas which are designated by the Provincetown Harbor Plan", Rex McKinsey seconded and it was so voted, 5-0.

Carla Anderson moved to change Harbor Regulation section 2-9-2 so that it will read in its entirety "The Harbormaster will first offer a mooring to be renewed by the prior mooring holder. If a mooring permit is not renewed per section 2-3-3, or if it is abandoned, the space may be offered to another permitted.", thereby deleting the last two sentences, Mel Cote seconded and it was so voted, 5-0.

MEMBER REPORTS

- Carla Anderson distributed copies of material she had gathered from the Internet concerning projects for which towns can apply for grants. Carla Anderson said she planned to have workshop on Chapter 91 Licenses at the next meeting and distributed various documents for the members to review. Ms Anderson also referred to a field study done by Tufts University in 1996.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- Joyce Guide read a letter received from a property owner concerning horses defecating in the Harbor's shallow water and on the beach. The Committee discussed how best to respond to this concern and decided to refer the letter to the Animal Control Officer. Sheila LaMontagne will write a letter of response to the property owner.
- Joyce Guide read a letter from David Thompson of Provincetown, complaining about jet-skis in the harbor and the problems he has experienced using the West End Parking Lot boat ramp. By consensus, the Committee decided to consult with the Parking Department on the use of the West End Parking Lot. Joyce Guide read a letter from Mr. Bergman to the National Seashore concerning a request to have the Seashore hold a public meeting on their proposed jet-ski ban. The Committee discussed the issue of a jet-ski ban in some detail and how best to respond to Mr. Thompson. Rex McKinsey volunteered to gather more information on the situation at the West End Boat Ramp.

The Committee discussed meeting earlier on Wednesdays and possibly changing the day of the week for the Chapter 91 License hearings, which will be in the evening.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 1, 2000 at 4:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Rex McKinsey moved to adjourn at 9:20 P.M. and it was so voted unanimously.

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 These minutes were approved by a vote of the Harbor Committee members at their meeting on \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_

Respectfully Submitted:

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Harbor Committee Signature    Title On-call secretary    *Rachel T. Crosby,*